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Red Meat Production in Pennsylvania Down 3 Percent in April

HARRISBURG, PA, May 28, 2010 --- Commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in **Pennsylvania** during April 2010 totaled 103.6 million pounds, down 3 percent from April 2009, and down 14 percent from the March estimate of 120.1 million pounds according to the Pennsylvania Field Office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

Beef production, at 93.8 million pounds live weight, down 4 percent from April 2009. Total head slaughtered was 75,600, down 3 percent from a year ago. Live weight averaged 1,257 pounds, down 7 pounds from last year. Veal production was 4.4 million pounds live weight, down 2 percent from last year. Calf slaughter of 10,300 head was down 4 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 6 pounds per head to 430 pounds.

Pork production was 61.6 million pounds live weight, down 1 percent from last year. Total head slaughtered was 235,900, down 3 percent from April 2009. Average live weight increased 4 pounds per head from last year to 261 pounds.

Lamb and mutton production during April 2010 was 312,000 pounds live weight, down 43 percent from last year. The number slaughtered was 3,400, down 44 percent from last year. Average live weight increased 4 pounds per head to 93 pounds.

Nationally, commercial red meat production, dressed weight basis, in April 2010 totaled 4.01 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the 4.09 billion pounds produced in April 2009. Beef production, at 2.14 billion pounds, was slightly above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 3 percent from April 2009. The average live weight was down 23 pounds from the previous year, at 1,253 pounds. Veal production totaled 11.1 million pounds, 1 percent below April a year ago.

Pork production totaled 1.85 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the previous year. Lamb and mutton production, at 13.0 million pounds, was down 16 percent from April 2009.

January-April 2010 commercial red meat production was 15.9 billion pounds, down 2 percent from 2009. Accumulated beef production was up slightly from last year, veal was down 2 percent, pork was down 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was down 3 percent.

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